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Examiner: Jennifer A. Boyd

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Allowance mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on April 19, 2006 (the "Notice"). This paper is submitted together with payment of the issue fee. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.